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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Typhoon Maysak has been downgraded to a storm as it approaches the northeastern Philippines but officials expect the region to be lashed by winds and rain today ahead of an expected landfall tomorrow. Thousands of people along the coastline have been told to evacuate. The storm killed four people and destroyed hundreds of homes in Micronesia.

GARISSA, Kenya (AP) — A survivor of the attack on Garissa University College in Kenya says she hid in a large cupboard and covered herself with clothing for two days. Kenyan medical staff say 19-year-old Cynthia Charotich was found today. The attack Thursday by Islamic extremists killed 148 people.

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — The birthplace of Saddam Hussein suffered a heavy cost as it was held by Islamic State group extremists and recently retaken by Iraqi forces. Much of Tikrit, once a bustling city north of Baghdad, now lies in ruins. Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi (HY'-dahr ahl ah-BAH'-dee) says the military plans to begin arresting and prosecuting those who loot abandoned Tikrit properties.

BAGHDAD (AP) — A new militant video claims to show Islamic State extremists destroying an ancient archaeological site and smash priceless statues. Officials and local residents say militants attacked Hatra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, last month. The extent of the damage remains unclear as it is in territory still controlled by the Islamic State group.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new survey as the country is struggling to deal with police use of deadly force against men of color shows whites approve of police officers hitting people in far greater numbers than blacks and Hispanics do. Seven of 10 whites polled, or 70 percent, say they can imagine a situation in which they would approve of a police officer striking an adult male citizen. The 2014 General Social Survey finds 42 percent of blacks and 38 percent of Hispanics answered yes to the same question.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky was swamped by wave after wave of heavy rain, unleashing flash flooding that swept a mother and child into a creek, stranded a school bus and forced more than 160 rescues in Louisville. The rains started Thursday and continued Friday in portions of the Bluegrass state. As rain pushed through parts of the South and Midwest, severe thunderstorms were also blamed for the death of a woman who was camping with her family at Natural Bridge State Resort Park in eastern Kentucky. Meanwhile, thousands of people in south central Kansas lost power amid winds that reached nearly 90 mph downed trees and damaged buildings overnight and early Friday, and a possible tornado was being investigated in Oklahoma.

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Thousands of anti-Islam and anti-racism protesters have clashed in rallies around Australia. The most violent was in Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, where police struggled on Saturday to separate opposing demonstrators. Ambulance Victoria spokesman Paul Bentley says the Victoria state ambulance service treated four people, three for minor injuries, from assaults in Melbourne. The fourth was treated for chest pains. Victoria Police spokeswoman Belinda Batty says police arrested two men and a woman in the fracas in Melbourne's downtown Federation Square. Reclaim Australia, a community group, organized rallies in 16 cities and towns around Australia against Islamic extremism, the "Islamization" of Australian society, Islamic Sharia law and the Halal-certification of most meats sold in Australia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Philadelphia woman accused of trying to join and martyr herself for the Islamic State group in Syria has been ordered held until a detention hearing next week. Thirty-year-old Keonna Thomas appeared in federal court Friday afternoon just hours after her arrest on a charge of attempting to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization. A prosecutor says a search warrant executed March 27 at Thomas' home prevented her from leaving the U.S. on a flight scheduled for March 29. The government says it will seek to have her held without bail at her hearing Wednesday. Thomas acknowledged in court that she understood the charge against her. She was also appointed a public defender, who didn't comment on the charge.

HOUSTON (AP) — Blue Bell Ice Cream says it's suspending operations at an Oklahoma production facility that officials had previously connected to a foodborne illness that contributed to the deaths of three people. In a statement released Friday, Blue Bell says it's "taking this step out of an abundance of caution." It says the action is voluntary. Last month, the company and health officials said a contaminated 3-ounce cup of ice cream was traced to a plant in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Ten products recalled earlier in March were from a production line at a plant in Brenham, Texas, the company's headquarters. The recall began after five patients in Wichita, Kansas, became ill with listeria while hospitalized. Officials determined at least four drank milkshakes containing Blue Bell ice cream. Three of the patients died.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Government Accountability Board is predicting voter turnout of 20 percent for the spring election on Tuesday. Voters will choose among nearly 11,000 candidates for around 7,600 state and local offices. They'll also vote on one state constitutional amendment and 113 different local referenda. Much of the focus is on the statewide Supreme Court justice race, and on a constitutional amendment that asks voters whether the chief justice should be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices. Currently, the most senior justice serves as chief justice. The GAB says photo IDs won't be required Tuesday, but they'll be required for future elections, including special elections in 2015. The next regular election when photo IDs will be required is February 16th, 2016.

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Police in Waukesha say they've arrested a 17-year-old girl for writing messages in a bathroom at South High School that referenced the 1999 Columbine High School shootings. A police statement Friday said the message read, "This is the new Columbine." Police say the girl confessed to the school resource officer and was arrested for disorderly conduct. Staff at South High School told police they believe there was no real threat to the safety of the school or students. Police say girl used the words because it was a recent topic in one of her classes, and that she didn't understand it would be perceived as a threat of violence. The Waukesha School District will handle any internal discipline from the case.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee police say they've arrested a 15-year-old girl who stole a car with a 14-month-old baby inside from a gas station parking lot. And police say they caught her as she exited another stolen car later the same evening. A police statement says a Milwaukee woman left her boy unattended in her car Thursday morning, with the engine running and the keys in the ignition. As the mother was inside the gas station buying a soda, she saw her car drive off with the child inside. Witnesses tried to follow but couldn't keep up. An officer found the stolen car about 45 minutes later, still running, with the child in a car seat and unharmed. The boy was reunited with his mother. The 15-year-old could face juvenile charges.

Weather:

TODAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. A CHANCE OF FLURRIES IN THE MORNING.

HIGHS IN THE UPPER 40S. SOUTHWEST WIND 5 TO 10 MPH SHIFTING TO THE NORTHWEST 10 TO 15 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

.TONIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF LIGHT SNOW AND FLURRIES. LOWS AROUND 30. LIGHT AND VARIABLE WIND BECOMING EAST AROUND 5 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT. CHANCE OF SNOW 50 PERCENT.

.SUNDAY...COLDER. CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF LIGHT RAIN AND SNOW. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 30S. EAST WIND 5 TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 50 PERCENT.

.SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY...CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF LIGHT RAIN AND SNOW. LOWS IN THE UPPER 20S. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 30S. NORTHEAST WIND 10 TO 15 MPH.

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Next in the way of Kentucky's perfect season: Frank the Tank and his fun-loving band of Wisconsin teammates. Player of the Year Frank Kaminsky and the Badgers were so loose they were giggling on the podium during their interviews Friday. The team they face Saturday, 38-0 Kentucky, is also trying to keep things pressure-free, and their coach, John Calipari, tried working some magic of his own with the numbers.

BOSTON (AP) — Ersan Ilyasova led Milwaukee's third-quarter surge from a halftime deficit with 11 points and the Milwaukee Bucks hurt the Boston Celtics' playoff chances with a 110-101 win Friday night. O.J. Mayo led Milwaukee with 24 points. Boston was led by Isaiah Thomas with 23 and Avery Bradley with 17.

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Scooter Gennett drove in three runs with a double and a single off Carlos Carrasco, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Cleveland Indians 6-3 Friday. Gennett doubled home Jean Segura, who had also two hits, and later added a two-run single. Adam Lind hit his second home run of the spring. Brewers starter Wily Peralta exhausted his pitch count after 4 2-3 innings, giving up three runs and five hits.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nikola Vucevic scored a career-high 37 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to power the Orlando Magic to a 97-84 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night. Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points for the Timberwolves, who once again had only eight healthy players. The Wolves (16-60) have lost six straight games and have lost at least 60 for the ninth time in franchise history.

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Kristen Stewart says she's having more fun in her career than she ever has. She's one of the stars of the "Twilight" franchise. But she's also done roles in independent films. She says "there's a lack of expectation" with those kinds of films, "no moments that people had read in a book that were the most important thing in their lives." She says that allows her to "really let go" as an actor. Stewart is in "The Clouds of Sils Maria," which opens in theaters April 10. She plays the efficient, constantly e-mailing assistant to a famous European actress played by Juliette Binoche.

NEW YORK (AP) — It's going to be "Groundhog Day" on Broadway. The story will be based on the 1993 film that starred Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell and Chris Elliot. A musical version of the story about an arrogant weather forecaster forced to live the same day over and over is slated to arrive in 2017. Turning films into successful stage musicals has been a tough task on Broadway, with recent failures including "Big Fish," "Bullets Over Broadway" and "Rocky." But hits include "Once" and "Newsies."